

January 19, 1937

His Excellency,
The President of the Philippines,
Malacañan Palace, Manila

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 10, c.s., I am forwarding herewith for your approval the proposed Initial Seniority List for the Philippine Army.

This Seniority List contemplates the promotion of the following officers:

From Lieutenant-Colonel to Colonel

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| 1. Valeriano, B. D. | 4. Niedeo, M. |
| 2. Quimbo, J. C. | 5. Aguilar, M. |
| 3. Luna, V. (M.C.) | |

From Major to Lieutenant-Colonel

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Navarro, C. | 8. Baja, E. A. |
| 2. Garza, H. | 9. Buenconsejo, I. |
| 3. Panis, E. M. (M.C.) | 10. Matividad, A. |
| 4. Olympia, M. G. (M.C.) | 11. Quintero, L. E. |
| 5. Gutierrez, D. | 12. Ramos, A. |
| 6. Oboza, F. G. | 13. Jesus, S. de |
| 7. Ramos, L. | 14. Castañeda, M. N. |

From Captain to Major

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| 1. Velasco, M. M. | 18. Punsalang, V. J. (M.C.) |
| 2. Gaviola, R. D. | 19. Cruz, S. C. |
| 3. Donesa, P. P. | 20. Salacup, R. T. (M.C.) |
| 4. Angeles, L. | 21. Atanacio, M. V. |
| 5. Cador, G. R. | 22. Duque, C. |
| 6. Torralba, M. S. | 23. Ramirez, A. |
| 7. Tabuena, P. P. | 24. Dioquino, E. |
| 8. Caedac, S. F. | 25. Villalobos, A. M. |
| 9. Jalandoni, R. | 26. Naldas, T. N. |
| 10. Rosas, P. P. | 27. Sison, B. R. |
| 11. David, E. V. | 28. Guido, J. P. |
| 12. Reyes, L. S. | 29. Mortera, C. |
| 13. Rorres, F. I. | 30. Alcala, R. B. |
| 14. Kangleon, R. K. | 31. Montilla, E. R. |
| 15. Caedo, J. P. (M.C.) | 32. Dualao, A. |
| 16. Hernandez, L. | 33. Turingan, M. |
| 17. Ramos, R. | |

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| 3. Niedo, M. | |

From Major to Lieutenant-Colonel

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Navarro, C. | 8. Natividad, A. |
| 2. Garma, H. | 9. Quintero, L. E. |
| 3. Gutierrez, D. | 10. Ramos, A. |
| 4. Oboza, F. G. | 11. Jesus, S. de |
| 5. Ramos, L. | 12. Castañeda, M. N. |
| 6. Baja, E. A. | 13. Panis, E. M. (M.C.) |
| 7. Buenconsejo, I. | 14. Olympia, M. G. (M.C.) |

From Captain to Major

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| 1. Velasco, M. M. | 17. Cruz, S. C. |
| 2. Gaviola, R. D. | 18. Atanacio, M. V. |
| 3. Dones, F. P. | 19. Duque, C. |
| 4. Angeles, I. | 20. Ramirez, A. |
| 5. Gador, G. R. | 21. Dioquino, E. |
| 6. Torralba, M. S. | 22. Villalobos, A. N. |
| 7. Tabuena, P. F. | 23. Naidas, T. N. |
| 8. Cecdac, S. F. | 24. Sison, B. R. |
| 9. Jalandoni, E. | 25. Guido, J. P. |
| 10. Rosas, P. P. | 26. Mortera, C. |
| 11. David, E. V. | 27. Alcalá, R. E. |
| 12. Reyes, L. B. | 28. Montilla, E. R. |
| 13. Torres, F. I. | 29. Dumalac, A. |
| 14. Kangleon, R. E. | 30. Turingan, M. |
| 15. Hernandez, L. | 31. Casco, J. P. (M.C.) |
| 16. Ramos, R. | 32. Puncalang, V. J. (M.C.) |
| | 33. Salacup, R. T. (M.C.) |

From First Lieutenant to Captain

1. Lomuntad, E.
2. Alejandro, R.
3. Nagtalon, R. S.
4. Ferdinandine, M.
5. Nunag, V.
6. Molina, S.
7. Ante, B.
8. Barcena, M.
9. Ferreol, G. F.
10. Pineda, A. B.
11. Fernando, B.
12. Mendoza, J. R.
13. Littana, L. E.
14. Teafio, J.
15. Bulan, P.
16. Gonzales, J.
17. Galinato, B.
18. Linsafigan, M.
19. Olivas, J.
20. Dizon, L. D.
21. Ruffy, R.
22. Navarro, S.
23. Javalera, L. T.
24. Tenazas, D. U.
25. Florentin, L.
26. Ballesteros, T.
27. Ruffy, J. M.
28. Martinez, A. A.
29. Echivarre, L. U.
30. San Diego, P.
31. Estacio, M.
32. Deveras, A. R.
33. Fawcett, A. E.
34. Garcia, C. F.
35. Reyes, M. C.
36. Varzosa, M. L.
37. Delgado, L. M.
38. Sandico, F.
39. Dario, E.
40. Selga, F.
41. Sison, V. E.
42. Jardoleza, B.
43. Torres, V. L.
44. Tando, J.
45. Villanueva, A. C.
46. Garcia, S.
47. Espiritu, J.
48. Ibanez, R.
49. Lazaro, T.
50. Dizon, J.
51. Vergara, S. J.
52. Abia, L.
53. Domacal, T.
54. Panopio, A. B.
55. Monsod, G. R.
56. Manalo, G.
57. Tomas, G. P.
58. Polotan, J. G.
59. Suarez, A.
60. Lanza, A. C.
61. Quial, L.
62. Navarrete, F. B.
63. Reyes, A. A.
64. Lopez, C. T.
65. Agudo, I. G.
66. Ylagan, A. D.
67. Villanueva, P.
68. Villaluz, F. B.
69. Oppus, A.
70. Gabriel, A. G.
71. Causing, J.
72. Piccio, H.
73. Lopus, L. P.
74. Arambulo, J. A.
75. Leon, E. L. de
76. Laurente, S.
77. Devera, B.
78. Cunanan, H. V.
79. Enriquez, R.
80. Ausejo, P. A.
81. Lelis, F. D.
82. Torres, A.
83. Guzman, A. de
84. Cuaresma, P. H.
85. Balolong, L.
86. Capayas, B.
87. Abay, E.
88. Velasquez, J. C.
89. Solidum, H. L. (M.C.)
90. Villanueva, J. C. (M.C.)

From First Lieutenant to Captain (continued)

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| 91. Altura, R. T. | 94. Obieta, A. |
| 92. Cruz, A. B. | 95. Ilano, T. R. |
| 93. Campos, F. D. | 96. Fresno, A. F. (Band Conductor) |

From Second to First Lieutenant

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| 1. Quejada, F. S. | 17. Salgado, V. E. |
| 2. Villasis, B. F. | 18. Molina, B. G. |
| 3. Reyes, B. | 19. Batongmalague, E. |
| 4. Alejandro, B. A. | 20. Gojo, T. G. |
| 5. Vargas, J. | 21. Ancheta, V. P. |
| 6. Asistio, M. B. | 22. Velasquez, P. |
| 7. Cruz, A. C. | 23. Javier, I. |
| 8. Gabutina, N. | 24. Inovejas, S. B. |
| 9. Camua, D. J. | 25. Mondragon, F. |
| 10. Capistrano, M. | 26. Mora, J. S. |
| 11. Balao, E. | 27. Valdez, A. |
| 12. Magallanes, E. F. | 28. Zarate, A. L. (D.C.) |
| 13. Sumulong, P. M. | 29. Hawkins, C. F. " |
| 14. Acot, L. | 30. Ocampo, S. B. " |
| 15. Cornelio, H. | 31. Paredes, T. T. " |
| 16. Pasco, A. S. | 32. Santos, A. F. |
| | 33. Soriano, A. E. (Pharmacist) |

This list also calls for the absorption into the Regular Force of six reserve officers with rank of Captain; 63 reserve officers with rank of second lieutenant; and 60 reserve officers with rank of third lieutenant - all of the line; and the following reserve officers of the Medical Service:

Captains

1. Potenciano, P. G.
2. Salcedo, J. Jr.

1st Lieutenants, Med. Corps

1. Reyes, A. W. de los
2. Bernardo, T. V.
3. Martinez, L. D.
4. Tandoc, J. S.
5. Bernardo, E. A.
6. Javier, V. C.

1st Lieutenants, Dental Corps

1. Rodriguez, J. B.
2. Ong, G. M.

1st Lieutenant, Vet. Corps

1. Valdés, M. L.

There exist in the roster as submitted five vacancies in the grade of First Lieutenant for the Medical Service which will be filled with medical reserve officers at present on extended tour of active duty as soon as sufficient reports regarding their efficiency will be available.

The line officers of the Reserve Force who are recommended for absorption into the Regular Force should be offered commission as indicated in the attached list. Their absorption into the regular force will be contingent upon their successful passage of the usual physical examination. All of these officers are now on active duty, and, with the exception of Captain Alejandro Melchor, are either former reserve officers of the United States Army or graduates of the first Reserve Officers Service School at Baguio. They have been trained with the American Army and have been on active duty since October, 1936. In view of these facts, it is believed that the professional examination prescribed can be waived. In lieu of this professional examination, the officers have been classified according to their efficiency reports and service records on file in the office of the Adjutant General.

Captain Melchor is professor of Mathematics at the Military Academy, and as such he is not on the regular Seniority list of officers, but listed separately similarly to the Conductor of the Philippine Army Band. He is to be commissioned as a major in the Regular Force, this rank being commensurate with the responsibilities of a professorship at the Military Academy. In this procedure, the method found successful at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, is being followed.

The list of captains now on the reserve force who are recommended for inclusion in the Regular Force is as follows: #

110. Magtoto, A. B.

113. Andrada, J. V.

102. Halili, D. M.

A total of six vacancies in the grade of captain are set aside for reserve officers. It is contemplated that the remaining three vacancies will be filled before the end of this fiscal year and just as soon as more complete information can be obtained on the efficiency of the various reserve captains now on an active duty status.

NOTE:- # The number opposite each name corresponds to the number that the officer will occupy in the Seniority List when absorbed into the Regular Force.

Two additional vacancies in the grade of captain are being reserved for Scout officers now in the grade of first lieutenant who may transfer to the Philippine Army at a later date. If and when such transfers are effected, it will include Lieut. Emanuel S. Cepeda. In view of the fact that Lieut. Cepeda graduated from the United States Military Academy two years after Lieut. Jaime C. Velasquez and in justice to the latter, who graduated No. 17 in his class, No. 7 in Mathematics, and who is one of the most outstanding officers of his grade, his promotion to the bottom of the list of captains is earnestly recommended.

Scout officers below the grade of captain who transfer to the Philippine Army later than 1937 and who receive an increase in grade at the time of transfer will have to be placed at the foot of the present list of captains.

The list of officers who are qualified for promotion is included in Annex No. I. The list of officers not qualified for promotion is included in Annex No. II. These lists were prepared by a board of officers convened especially for this purpose.

When this list is approved, the commissioned strength of the Regular Force of the Army will be as follows:

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| Major Generals | 3 |
| Brig.-Generals | 2 |
| Colonels | 13 + 1 extra |
| Lieut.-Colonels | 18 + 1 extra |
| Majors | 69 |
| Captains | 216 |
| First Lieutenants | 187 |
| 2nd " | 139 |
| 3rd " | 69 |
| Total | 716 + 2 extras |

The percentages of officers in the various grades have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 22 (d) of the National Defense Act. These percentages are the maximum authorized by law.

The cost of maintaining this personnel is estimated at P2,218,540.72 and the amount appropriated for the fiscal year 1937 for this purpose is P1,899,622.00. The probable deficit of P318,918.72 can be covered up by the savings under the same purpose during the year 1936, which are more than the amount necessary even if the remaining vacancies are filled up during this year.

In view of the impossibility of filling all the vacancies due to the lack of sufficient number of officers qualified for promotion in the various grades, the amount of P318,918.22 which is estimated as the probable deficit, will not only disappear but it is estimated that we will have a savings of P141,000.00 from the sum of P1,899,622.00, appropriated for this purpose for the fiscal year 1937. (See Annex No. III).

Very respectfully,

Major General
Chief of Staff